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Madras-Cape Camorin Road

* 2374 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the scheme of laying East Coast Road from Madras to Cope Camorin has been included in the Third Five-Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the amount provided for in the Budget for 1961–62?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) & (b) The proposal of this Government to include this scheme in the National Highways Programme for the Third Plan was not accepted by the Government of India due to the limtied allotment made for National Highways. This Government are, however, pressing the Government of India again at Ministerial level to increase the allotment and include more works including this one in the National Highways programme for the Third Plan.

Waste lands (Coimbatore)

* 2375 Q.—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN (on behalf of SRI N. K. PALANISAMI) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of cultivable waste lands in the Coimbatore district; and

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to distribute them to landless peasants?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) On 1st July 1961 the extent of land available for assignment was 54,909·07 acres.

(b) Yes.

Estate roads (Kanyakumari district)

* 2376 Q.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number and names of Estate roads in Kanyakumari district maintained by the Highways department since the reorganisation of States; and

(b) the number of such roads for which 50 per cent contribution is obtained by the department from the Estate owners?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) The Balamore Estate Road and the Mahendragiri Estate road are maintained by the Department, since reorganisation of States on 1st November 1956. The Vellimalai road is maintained by the Department, only from 1st April 1959.

(b) No contribution is obtained by the Department for maintenance of these roads.